

U. S. ACHIEVES VAST TASK IN WAR RAILWAYS

Greatest System of Communication Ever Used by Army.

Paris, France, Aug. 17.—The American army in France is rapidly pushing to completion the greatest and longest scheme of communication ever used in warfare. The way it has overcome colossal obstacles and multiplied handicaps in perfecting the system seems almost incredible as it is now in full operation.

For instance, out of the waste lands adjacent to an old French port American engineers have built a splendid line of modern docks, where every day now ships are pouring forth their cargoes of men and war machinery. A huge new warehouse system at this point is also nearing completion and taking care of the great flood of supplies.

In the same coast town the Americans have installed motor operation and cold storage plants, a motor reception park, and quarters for storing supplies for ordnance and aviation forces.

200 Miles Trackage.
The railway yards in this vicinity have a trackage of 200 miles. Work is well advanced on a new car assembly shop, where 20 or more freight cars are turned out every day. Another assembly plant has been erected to handle all steel cars transported from America in parts.

Not far from this little port work is about completed on a 20,000-odd hospital, the largest yet constructed in France. In the same section is an immense new artillery camp ready for several brigades of artillery to occupy it. It includes a large remount camp with capacity for several thousand horses.

Capable Direction.
The work on all these projects owes its success largely to the capable and intelligent direction of the American executives in charge of it.

These port communication centers are great affairs today, but they are so worked out as to be capable of almost unlimited expansion in necessary. This is highly important in view of the tendency toward pooling of French, British and American supplies and efforts, which may easily resolve the American base ports into main reserve centers from which their channels of distribution will radiate directly to railheads on all parts of the front.

TWO HUN SUBS ARE BAG OF ALLY NAVAL PATROLS

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Diego, sunk off Fire Island recently, was the first mine victim, according to navy records.

The enemy underwater craft are known to have been scattering mines up and down the coast. Mine sweepers have been kept busy since the U-boats first put in appearance on this side of the Atlantic. Some of the enemy mines have been swept up. It is known, but the Navy Department is silent on the full results of this part of the fight against the submarines.

The success of the German U-boats in sinking fishing boats and a few larger vessels is not a substantial success, in the view of Navy Department officials. That there has been a marked increase in the activities of the hostile submarines is admitted as obvious, but for this the officials think there is a satisfactory explanation.

Navy experts believe that the German admiralty is now using all the U-boats it can spare for service on this side of the water, and it is evident to them, they say, that probably not more than three of the effective type are operating on this side of the Atlantic. The object of the German navy officials is twofold.

The Objectives.
First—in order to attack the U. S. army by the destruction of one or more transports.
Second—in order to attack the transports the U-boats have started a series of operations all along the coast from Massachusetts to North Carolina believing that the Navy Department will concentrate a big destroyer force to capture or sink them and thus decrease the protection of the troopships, supply ships, and the greater class of transatlantic steamers coming to or going from American ports.

According to the best naval opinions here, the government is committed to the "safety of transports first, and then, in order, the supply ships, which feed and clothe the armies, and then the merchantmen."

ALL SUFFRAGETTES IN DISTRICT JAIL ARE REPORTED ILL

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If it should become necessary later and they insist on outside medical advice, with the consent of our medical staff this may be made available, but we can't have any and every physician coming in here.

Regular Washington Water.
Reports that the water is poisoned or that the jail is filled with sewer gas from open drains are untrue. The water is the same water that all Washington drinks and the plumbing is properly installed.

The women were furnished blankets last night but were still refused the flannel pajamas for which they had sent out, and the fur coats.

Mrs. Helena Hill Weed, daughter of the late Representative Hill, of Connecticut, is reported confined to her bed by rheumatism brought on by the dampness of the building.

Others who are reported seriously ill are Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, of Philadelphia; Miss Lucy Burns of Connecticut, who had not completely recovered from her last hunger strike when she started on this; Miss Edna Purcell, of Hartford; Mrs. George Koenig, of Hartford; Miss Hazel Hunkins, of Billings, Mont.; and Miss Edith Ainge, of Jamestown, N. Y.

The women have completed the first 48 hours of their hunger strike and those still in jail are showing no signs of weakening.

CHURCH NOTICES.
PATRIOTIC SERVICE
At the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Third and I Sts. N. W.
Tomorrow evening, August 19, William Harrison, of Oklahoma City, Okla., a great orator, who is attending large crowds of both races, will be the principal speaker. Subject: "THE NEGRO AND THE WAR."

Fighters of Indians and Huns.



Charles William Crawford and his son, John Crawford, of 1215 C street southwest. Mr. Crawford is a veteran of Indian campaigns and his son has been wounded in France while beating back the Huns.

JOHN CRAWFORD, YOUNG D. C. SOLDIER, WOUNDED

A 19-year-old Washington boy John Crawford, of 1215 C street southwest, is wounded in the leg in a British hospital, according to a letter which has just reached his mother from him in England. He is the son of Charles William Crawford, a veteran cavalryman of 20 years' service in the United States army back in the 50's and 60's. His two sisters, Mrs. Marian Crawford Cox and Miss Isabel Crawford, are "yocomanettes" in the Navy Department.

The wounded boy enlisted in the army at the age of 15, immediately upon his graduation from the Bradley Public School, and spent one of his four years of army life on the

MUSICAL COMEDY COMPOSER NOW STAR AVIATOR



LIEUT. EARL CARROLL.

Composing popular musical comedies such as "So Long, Letty," "Canary Cottage," etc., has heretofore been Lieut. Earl Carroll's favorite pastime, but he has now passed up the hum or the chorus for that of an airplane and is now flying with the First Provisional Wing, that has thrilled New York with flying demonstrations.

No Tea from Ukraine.
Amsterdam, Aug. 17.—The resumption of trade with the Ukraine led to the general belief in Germany that there would be more tea for the Huns, but the Berlin Tagesspiegel says "unfortunately these hopes have proved delusive."

Transvaal gold mining profits are to be taxed to the extent of \$1,000,000.

FORMER SENATOR'S DAUGHTER WILL BE WAR NURSE



MISS AGNES O'GORMAN.

Miss Agnes O'Gorman, daughter of former Senator O'Gorman, of New York, and a great war worker, will leave for Washington soon, where she will enter a three-year course in nursing.

Men of Newest Draft Must Register Aug. 24 With Proper Boards

Information for men newly 21: Those who must register: Men who have become 21 years old between June 5, 1918, and August 31, 1918, inclusive.

Date of registration: Saturday, August 24, 1918.

Time: Between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m.

Place: At headquarters of local board covering address of registrant. If in doubt inquire at once at nearest local board or at office of Maj. Donovan in the District Building.

Penalty for failure to register: Loss of right to deferred classification, prosecution for a misdemeanor and possible immediate induction into military service.

This registration will be followed early in September by a large registration of men of the ages to be decided on by Congress.

PLENTY OF ICE NOW ON HAND, DEALERS SAY

Cool Weather Lightens Demand—May Lift Ice Cream Ban.

Great satisfaction over the ice situation was expressed yesterday by dealers all over Washington. A supply sufficient to take care of all concerned was on hand when the dealers opened for business.

The real reason for the brightening up of the situation was the cool weather during the latter part of the week. Large supplies of ice were received from nearby regions, and the demand upon the local dealers has so lightened lately that there is little fear of a recurrence of the embarrassment which was experienced last week.

Many Buy at Platforms.
The labor problem is still rather troublesome, dealers said, but this was in a great measure minimized yesterday because the consumers went to the platforms of the ice manufacturers for their supply. Such plants as are still unable to produce to their maximum capacity are receiving assistance from the special ice committee handling the local situation.

Sales will be made at the plants to individuals up until noon today. Clarence R. Wilson, Food Administrator for the District, is in New York and it is impossible to state with certainty whether or not the ban on the manufacture of ice cream will be lifted on Tuesday. During the last few days, because there was not a large supply of ice on hand, doubts were entertained as to the advisability of releasing an amount sufficient to open up the industry.

In view of the cold wave, however, it is possible that manufacture of the delicacy will again be permitted during the latter part of the week.

LOCAL 71, FEDERAL UNION, DRIVES TODAY

Midsummer membership drive of Local No. 71 of the National Federation of Federal Employees will be held today at 3 o'clock in the Dunbar High School.

Local No. 71 is composed largely of the colored employees of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. Among the speakers will be John S. Beach, acting president of the National Federation, and Thomas H. J. Quinn, director of publicity of the federation.

Other speakers will be Richard H. Taylor, president of Local 71; George W. Randall, financial secretary; John W. Smith, and Van A. Zahn.

DRUG FIEND TAKES LIFE.

Fond Du Lac, Wis.—After being given permission to mend some of her clothing, Mrs. Thomas Dittman, thirty-eight, concealed a pair of scissors she had been using and then committed suicide by cutting her throat while confined in the county jail. She had been a victim of drugs and liquor.

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BRITANNIA



LADY DIANA MANNERS.

A war tableau of a novel character was given during the Independence Day celebration at Leicester, England, in aid of the Volunteer Aid Department Fund. Lady Diana Manners posed as Britannia. She is shown here in her costume. Other society beauties posed in similar roles.

TO MAKE FEWER COTTON GINS

Manufacturers Agree to Curtail Production This Year.

Substantial curtailment of production during the current year was agreed upon by the manufacturers of cotton gins at a conference yesterday with the priorities commissioner of the War Industries Board, at which the manufacturers presented claims for preferential treatment for supplies.

Jews in Canada called for the army are given the privilege of choosing whether they will fight in France or Palestine.

RUMANIA LOSES 800,000 IN WAR

Eleven Per Cent of Before-War Population Is Wiped Out.

London, Aug. 17.—Latest figures show that Rumania has lost 800,000 people during the war and the German "peace" that has followed it. This is 11 per cent of her before-the-war population.

And now Germany, ignoring her peace treaty, has demanded from Rumania 120,000 tons of grain. The penalty threatened is to starve every body in the occupied districts if the nation doesn't comply.

The Germans are also backing up



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Manchester, Mass., Aug. 17.—President Wilson told friends today he was enjoying the most restful outing in years. Getting away from the intense heat at Washington, he found the weather along the north shore almost like early autumn, with ideal conditions for golfing. There was a further drop in temperature last night, and the President added an hour and a half to his usual sleeping schedule.

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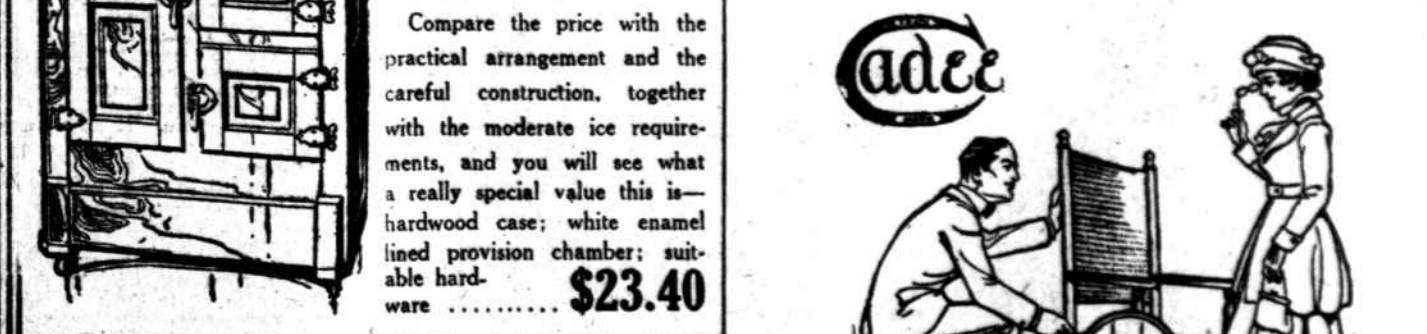
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